

BANK ROBBERS MAKE SUCCESSFUL DAYLIGHT RAID NEAR SPOKANE

SPOKANE, July 31.—Two masked men entered the First National Bank of Medical Lake, 16 miles west of here, shortly after noon today, held up two men in the bank at the point of revolvers and later made their escape, after scooping \$13,000 in coin and currency into sacks and driving away in an automobile.

The robbers drove up to the bank in a roadster, according to report, arriving at a time when most of the employees were at lunch. One man approached Fred Krichoffer, assistant cashier, with the request that he cash a traveler's check.

The other robber entered the cage, revolver drawn, and compelled Arthur Neale, a clerk, the only other employee in the bank, to lie down upon the floor. As soon as Neale obeyed, Krichoffer was compelled to do likewise.

The men hesurably scooped the bank's coin and currency into a sack. They locked the bank employees in the vault before leaving the bank, where they were found by other officials later. The men departed in the roadster and were reported to have started east. The sheriff of Spokane county was notified and he in turn has telephoned to every town in eastern Washington to be on the lookout for the robbers.

It was thought that the men might be heading for Idaho, but it would be almost impossible to escape the cordon that has been placed around the territory, it is said, and reach that state.

The car was a Buick light six painted green and bore dealer's license No. 13. One of the men is described as being about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing 170 pounds.

A piece of black courtplaster was stuck under his left eye and he wore a black sateen shirt. The other robber was younger, about five feet six inches in height and he weighed about 150 pounds. The robbers got about an hour's start on their pursuers. They drove into Medical Lake from Spokane, apparently and turned in front of the bank while most of the townspeople were at dinner. The robbery occupied from 12:20 to 12:30.

CORPORATIONS MUST PAY LARGE PART OF INCREASED WAR TAX

WASHINGTON, July 31.—New taxes aggregating \$313,000,000, bringing the total of the bill close to the \$2,000,000,000 mark, were added to the revenue bill today by the senate finance committee.

The new taxes will be in the form of additional levies on corporations, income surtaxes and liquor. Corporation surtaxes were boosted 2 per cent, graduated increases were made on individual incomes over \$15,000, another \$1 a gallon was added to the distilled spirits tax, and the beer tax was increased 50 cents a barrel.

This will make the whiskey tax \$3.20 a gallon and the beer tax \$3.25 a barrel. The 2 per cent on corporation surtaxes will yield \$162,000,000 more annually. The income surtax increase is expected to yield \$38,000,000. The whiskey tax increase will produce about \$90,000,000. The beer tax raise will produce about \$25,000,000.

The committee will take up revision of the wine tax later this afternoon and expects to increase it to such an amount as to make additional consumption taxes unnecessary. Today's action of the committee brought the revision of the revenue bill close to completion and the committee will report the measure within a few days.

LARGE PROPORTION OF THOSE EXAMINED FREED FROM DRAFT

SEATTLE, Wash., July 31.—The machinery of the draft was set in motion here yesterday when 19 men voluntarily appeared in answer to a call from a local exemption board. Nine of the 19 were disqualified as physically defective; three were exempt under present ruling as aliens; two were exempt because of persons dependent on them; and one will probably be exempted because of employment as a shipfitter. Of the four remaining one claimed exemption because he "helps his father," Thomas H. Agnew, a fire insurance special agent, was probably the first man in the state to qualify.

WOMEN TO SERVE ON BATTLESHIPS OF THE RUSSIANS

LONDON, July 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Petrograd says that Russian women have offered to train themselves as crews for battleships and that Minister of the Navy Kerensky has accepted their offer.

BELGIAN FAMILY EXECUTED FOR SPY ACTIVITIES

LONDON, July 31.—A dispatch received today from Amsterdam, says:

"The German authorities at Liege, Belgium, arrested, tried and sentenced to death within three days an influential merchant named Croneret, his wife and their two daughters, aged 20 and 14 years, on the unproved charge of espionage.

"Father and mother were both shot to death in the presence of their daughters. The latter were offered their freedom if they revealed the names of their parents' accomplices. The girls refused, the eldest stating, 'if we speak we might cause 50 people to be killed. We would rather die alone.' She was immediately shot. The youngest girl then was tortured, outraged and then shot."

MOST SEVERE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO BLOCK DRAFT ESCAPE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Every avenue of escape from the draft must be closed. Provost Marshal General Crowder issued this edict today.

Rumors of widespread exemption claims have caused a general tightening up of the lines. There is no official recognition of these rumors but action has been taken to prevent all unfounded exemptions.

The first "slacker" to be apprehended will be the "marriage slacker." President Wilson has before him today an executive order expected to prevent all escape from the draft by marriage. It may be issued during the day.

It is understood the executive order will establish a time limit on dependency claims. It will probably set the date of the issuance of the exemption regulations, June 30, as the latest date upon which dependencies can be established. All marriages after this date might not be precluded from exemption, but will be more closely scrutinized by the exemption boards.

Should this executive order go into effect a marriage license will become a necessity to exemption claims. After today the time of marriage will also have to be presented.

The physical "slackers" are also under fire. Continued reports reach Washington of plots for temporarily incapacitating drafted men. To ward against this strict orders have been issued to all examining physicians.

Physical disability established by one physician does not carry with it exemption. A second examination must be conducted by another physician in the presence of the exemption board. If the second physician also disqualifies the candidate then the exemption board may still hold the man for service if they have reason to believe he is shamming.

All examining physicians have been given access to the data on physical examinations compiled by the army surgeons. All known tricks have been explained and the greatest care will be exercised. There is every indication that the way of the slacker will be hard.

UTOPIA IN OREGON IS PIPE DREAM, SAYS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PORTLAND, Or., July 31.—The "Universal Brotherhood of America," a utopian corporation formed under Oregon law, is under the investigating eye of the district attorney's office because of complaints made that the corporation, or its president, G. Fisher, is making false representations to those who are solicited to become members of the order. It is also alleged that Fisher, the promoter of the corporation, is conducting his business without having met the requirements of the blue sky law.

The Universal Brotherhood of America, the charter and advertisements of which set out all opportunities that it is a "non-profit cooperative corporation with Corporation Commissioner H. J. Schulderman, June 14, 1917. Its incorporators were G. Fraser, W. E. Jetter, C. C. Harper, George W. McNabb, Walter L. Smith, A. White and M. G. Lilly.

The objects of the corporation are alluring, the articles of incorporation stating that the corporation stands for "the uplifting of mankind in general." It stands for "the providing of certain conditions whereby the common people may preserve their lives and the lives of their children through education."

SPY SUSPECT IS ARRESTED FOR SEDITIOUS ACTS

SPOKANE, July 30.—With the arrest of Dr. Carl Grossman of New York, identified with former Ambassador von Bernstorff's clique, federal authorities believe they have apprehended one of the leaders of the anti-American labor disturbers.

INTO DRAFTED ARMY MANY GIVEN PHYSICAL TESTS FOR ENTRANCE

WASHINGTON, July 30.—America's national army is being made today. Reports received at the office of Provost Marshal General Enoch Crowder indicate that physical examinations of drafted men began today in most of the large eastern cities and in some of the western cities. Smaller towns have been slower, with a few exceptions, to organize their boards and order men held for physical examination.

Washington will be the first city to report its quota of \$25 as "held for service," according to present indications. The District of Columbia already has nearly half a hundred men ready to answer the mobilization call.

For the first time today there was official indication that drafted men will be assigned to those services for which they are best fitted. Surgeon General Gorras today requested Adjutant General McCain to hold all physicians drafted for commissions in the medical corps. It is to be the policy of the war department, whenever a specialist is drafted, to turn him over to that division of the army for which he is best fitted.

Although the greatest part of the national army must be infantry it is necessary to have complementary divisions of medical, signal and quartermaster's corps. Drafted men, when fitted, will be put into these divisions.

Claims for exemptions still pour into the office of the provost marshal. President Wilson's executive order urging all government employees to waive claims for exemptions whenever possible has done much to make it clear that exemptions are not to be granted without very pressing claims.

RAIN BREAKS DROUGHT IN KANSAS AND CROP MAY BE SAVED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 1.—Rains over Kansas and parts of western Missouri last night and today broke the drought and heat wave which has threatened to completely ruin the corn and late grain crop.

Today it was raining in Kansas City and over eastern Kansas, while Topeka, Dodge City, and western Kansas reported rains last night. At Dodge City more than an inch fell following a temperature of 100 degrees throughout the day.

The corn belt received a good soaking. At 10 o'clock last night an inch had fallen at Wichita, and a drizzle continued until morning. Today it was cool and clear at Salina, following one third of an inch of rain last night. Hutchinson, Pratt, Kansas City and Abilene all reported from a quarter inch to a half inch during the night, with the weather threatening today.

While corn has been seriously damaged and millions of bushels cut from the earlier estimates, the rain and cooler weather will prove of incalculable value.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 1.—Clouds which poured rain all over the northern and western section of the state last night, took a jump across the southeastern section and never dripped a drop.

The Cream City awoke with the sun scorching away as customary, but with a slightly cooler western breeze blowing. Seven have died from the heat here.

POPE IS NOT GIVING GERMAN CATHOLICS' PEACE PLANS ANY AID

ROME, Aug. 1.—The pope is not supporting any peace plans which the German Catholic party or its leader, Matthias Erzberger, may be agitating. Those close to the vatican declare today that the pope had been extremely careful not to support any particular peace plan or to permit his sympathies to incline toward any particular group of peace agitators.

Vatican officials admitted the holy father was striving for a "just and Christian peace," but not through any of the agencies of others.

WITHYCOMBE TO SPEAK

DALLAS, Or., July 30.—Industrial club members of Polk county will meet in a series of picnics this week. The first will be at Airline on August 1; the second at Buell on August 2, and the third in the city park in Dallas on August 3. Governor Withycombe will be present at each of these picnics and address the children.

FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS MADE

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Frank W. De Wolf, of Urbana, Illinois, was today named assistant director of the Bureau of Mines. Mr. De Wolf has been state geologist of Illinois. Richard E. Marine, of Indiana, was today appointed chief examiner of the patent office.

LIBERTY BOND FOR U. S. BOMB IN BERLIN

NEW YORK, July 28.—A \$1000 Liberty loan bond has been offered as a prize to the first American aviator who bombs Berlin from the air, by Sigmund Saxer, of this city. The offer was made in a letter sent to the Aero club of America.

NAVY APPEALS FOR A COMPLETE BAND TO ENLIST IN SERVICE

PORTLAND, July 27.—The navy wants men and more than ever has opportunities for certain trade lines which should offer hundreds in the next few weeks.

Owing to the fact that some ratings are closed, the impression has gone out that the navy is restricting enlistment generally, but the Portland office wants it particularly understood that only certain lines are closed and that many men are needed to fill ratings which offer good clean men splendid opportunities.

It is only the following classifications that enlistments are not being made in at present: Landmen for electricians, general; yeomen; plumbers and fitters; shipwrights; shipfitters; blacksmiths; boilermakers; painters and printers. However, many men fitted under those branches might very often take a rating under other branches which are now open and in which men are needed badly.

There is a big need today for apprentice seamen, machinists' mates, first and second class. There is a special opportunity for musicians and almost every town in the state has a band which could send a representative to the navy. This particular need is most urgent and because so much of the spirit and morale of the men on board ship depends on their band, musicians everywhere are being urged to consider the call.

Those who have a desire to see service in the air also have an excellent opportunity at this time, for the Portland office has an opening for rating as landsman for quartermaster in the aviation section. This is a job of some responsibility and the man who is enlisted under such service will be extremely fortunate.

In brief, the ratings which are today open to the right young man are as follows: Apprentice seaman; machinist's mates, first and second class; coppersmiths and sheet metal workers; firemen, first, second and third class; hospital apprentices, first and second class; (incidentally, only two a month can be enlisted); landsman for baker; baker, second class; mess attendants, third class; landsman for ship's cook; ship's cook, fourth class; landsman for musician; musician, first and second class; landsman for quartermaster, aviation section; and landsman for machinist's mates, aviation section.

The special need as outlined is for musicians and machinists, first and second class.

There is a real live opportunity for some band from a live Oregon town to win a name and real fame.

The Portland recruiting office of the navy is trying to persuade some band to enlist as a whole, taking in 22 men, the number of full navy band.

All branches of the navy have an especial need of good musicians, and the organization that gets this honor will indeed be an exceptional one.

If such a band is taken in, it will include the ratings of one bandmaster, one chief musician, and one bugler, all of which will be quite worth while to the leader of any organization which is taken in its entirety.

PORTLAND CIVIL ENGINEER WINS A COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Guy Boschke, a civil engineer, well known in Portland and the northwest, has been commissioned captain in the engineers' reserve corps and has taken up work in the war department planning docks and terminals in France. Soon after the outbreak of the war with Germany he came from Chile to Washington to offer his services to the government. His commission was slow in coming, and he had just accepted a place with private interests when his appointment was announced.

Marines Buy 100 Eggs For Thirty Cents

PEKING, China, July 1. (by mail).—Hark! Ye diners of palatial hotels and travelers of leisure. Hark! and list to a tale of far-away China, the land of mystery, which incidentally revolutionizes the much touted "high cost of living."

Again the U. S. Marines are heard from but this time in regards to "eggs!" Let it be sufficient to say that they are living good, for eggs are now selling here for 30 cents a hundred!

FRENCH HOLD BACK TEUTONS ALONG THE AISNE WITH LOSSES

PARIS, July 28.—After a violent bombardment last night the Germans returned to the offensive on the Aisne front, delivering a series of attacks. The war office announces that the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

The war office communication issued this evening says: "Intermittent artillery fighting took place today on the greater portion of the front, being especially violent in the sector of Ailles and Hurtebise, in Champagne, and in the region of Mont Haut and on both banks of the Meuse.

"Last night a surprise attack by the Germans at Hartmanaweller-Kopf failed completely. The enemy left many dead on the ground.

"Belgian communication: During the night the enemy bombarded Het Sas, Steenstraete, Pyegaarde and our communication lines.

"In the morning the Germans bombarded the regions of Pervyse, Dixmude, Oordecapelle, and Nieucapelle. In the afternoon the customary activities of the artillery was resumed. We carried out a counter fire against an enemy observation post.

"A Belgian detachment has captured the crew of German submarine stranded on the shore."

"Army of the Orient, July 26.—British aviators have bombarded enemy camps in the region of Demir-Hissar. A rather violent cannonade is reported on the right bank of the Vardar and between Lakes Presba and Ochrida."

BERLIN, July 28.—Drum fire of the greatest intensity began in Flanders this morning, says the official statement issued today by the German general staff.

WOMEN BEAT CRIPPLE TO DEATH FEARING POWER OF SPIRITS

EVERETT, Wash., July 31.—Because they believed him possessed of evil spirits, George Johns, James Jefferson, Lena Jefferson and Rosy Wilder, half breed Indians and members of a sect known as Shakers, beat Bob Silester, a cripple, to death and buried his body in the sand. The four are under arrest here today.

The slayers, according to other Indians, were obsessed with a belief that the world was to come to an end last night at midnight, and spent yesterday in the woods preparing themselves for the end.

When Silester appeared, the fanatics, believing that they must drive out the evil spirit, threw a bucket of water on him, clamped the bucket over his head and while the men held him the women beat him to death with clubs.

After slaying Silester the four half breeds spent the remainder of the day singing and shouting in the woods.

POSTMASTER IS HELD FOR ANTI-RECRUITING ACT

ROSEBURG, Or., July 30.—George W. France, postmaster at Ten Mile for the past two years, was arrested there today and taken to Eugene, where he will be arraigned before a federal commissioner on a charge of attempting to prevent army enlistments.

France was recently acquitted on a charge of insanity. His Socialistic utterances are said to have created considerable trouble.

CORONER'S JURY AT WORK ON THE FOREST FIRES

FERNIE, B. C., August 1.—Gasping from the effects of the fumes of the smoldering fires which swept through the Elk River valley Saturday, taking 11 lives, a coroner's jury conducting an inquest over the victims yesterday viewed the scene of the disaster in a downpour of rain. While all of the men caught in the conflagration have not yet been accounted for, it is presumed that the missing men are living.

The jury last night recommended restrictions in the use of inflammables in the woods and granting of greater authority to those engaged in charge of forest conservation.

Another fire, said to be incendiary, broke out in the colliery at Michael yesterday, but is under control.

YOUNG PATRIOT RETURNED

THE DALLES, Or., July 30.—Roy Todd, aged 15, ran away from his home in Salem and was apprehended in this city a few days ago by Chief of Police Kurtz after the lad had tried to enlist under another name in company K, 3d Oregon Infantry. Todd's father came to The Dalles and took his son home with him.

TELEPHONES PAID A DOLLAR EACH DURING A MONTH

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Telephone companies showed a profit of nearly a dollar a telephone during March, according to compilation made public today by the interstate commerce commission.

There were in service 7,495,470, telephones in March, an increase of approximately 12 per cent over March, 1916. Operating revenues totaled more than \$25,000,000, an increase of more than 10 per cent within the year. Expenses increased from \$14,850,172 to \$17,448,433, leaving net operating revenues for March, 1917, of \$8,481,421. Taxes and other expenses reduced this figure to \$6,780,082 operating income for the month.

U. S. TROOPS PLACED IN RUSSIA WOULD BE FATAL TO GERMANY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—The presence of American troops on the eastern front would be fatal to Germany, according to General Michel Yasukovich, chief of the Russian military commission, who was here yesterday.

"If America will send 100,000 men to Russia, she will furnish an army that will be a nucleus of a Russian force of 1,000,000 men that may be grouped with fatal results to Germany," declared General Yasukovich. "Germany will not be able to face such a combination in the eastern theater, while France, Great Britain and America press her in the west. There is no doubt that splendid Russian armies of 1,000,000 men each, organized, stiffened and encouraged by the presence of your troops, can be built up on the foundation of each 100,000 Americans sent to our front."

"The United States has it in her power to aid Russia and the allies tremendously by dispatching at the earliest moment this expeditionary army to Russia. If America decides to do this, she will render far greater aid to the allies in general, and Russia in particular, than by sending a similar army to the front in France or Flanders."

General Yasukovich relieved General Baldwin as head of the military mission. The latter has returned to Petrograd. Germany is spending money with a lavish hand in Russia to bribe agitators said General Yasukovich. German money alone, he stated, is responsible for the recent disastrous retreat of the Gallician armies and for the opposition to the provisional government. Most of the trouble in Petrograd is caused by a small and noisy minority, he said. General Yasukovich is accompanied by a staff of four officers and a secretary. He is to go to Washington.

Officers are to consist of a general board composed of one member from each of the uniting organizations; and an executive committee of five members chosen by the general board, no two of whom are chosen from the same organization. Both the general board and the executive committee select their own chairman. J. H. Kimball, of Port Deposit, Maryland, was elected chairman of the general board and R. E. Bower, of Campbell, Virginia secretary.

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NEW YORK SWELTERS WHILE JACK FROST NIPS COAST BEANS

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Thousands slept in the parks and on the beaches here last night. Thousands of others slept in the streets and on fire escapes. There was little breeze and the night brought but slight relief. On the east side the suffering was intense and early reports today brought numerous additional deaths. Horses dropped dead in the streets, where the thermometers registered above 100.

At midnight the temperature was 86.

The death toll from the heat was raised to nearly 50 early today when 14 additional deaths were reported to the police between midnight and 10 a. m.

Forty-one prostrations were reported during the same time, bringing the total prostrations to well above the 150 mark.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Aug. 1.—Many gardens in this city and vicinity have been ruined by frosts, which the old settlers say are unprecedented in this region at this time of the year.

The frost seemed to pass in waves as one garden would be killed, and another within five feet of it would be untouched. Cucumbers have suffered to some extent, but the greatest damage seems to have been to the bean crops, many acres of beans being a complete loss.

SHOOT DOPE TO BE SAFE FROM FOREIGN SHOTS

CLEVELAND, O., July 27.—Local federal officials have started a campaign to block the administration of drugs to render drafted men temporarily unfit to be passed for military service. One physician and a young man for whom the physician prescribed a drug are under surveillance and officials are investigating a report that a number of other young men are taking drug treatments.

FARMERS OF NATION ORGANIZE TO PUSH MUTUAL INTERESTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—Formation of the Federal Board of Farm organizations marks the culmination of several days' meetings here of agricultural leaders from twenty-four states. In this board are represented associations having a total membership of more than a million and a half farmers, for whom the first time comes true long-held dreams of a national federation of farm bodies.

Active in organizing this board are the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative union of America, Farmers' National congress, Pennsylvania Rural Progress association, National Dairy union, National Agricultural Organization society, National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credit, and the National Council of Farmers' Cooperative associations. Representatives of several other large farm organizations were present at the meeting and will report to their respective bodies on the work of the board.

Objects of the federal board, which came into existence as a result of the present national emergency, are to coordinate the work of the farmer with that of the nation and to give the farmer greater influence and recognition in national affairs.

The board will keep constantly in touch with national legislative matters passing on to the farmers what they wish to know concerning congress and keeping the legislators informed of the wishes of the people on the farms. Permanent headquarters will be maintained in Washington with a general secretary in charge. Following the organization of the board the executive committee elected Charles W. Holman, of Madison, Wisconsin, to this position. Mr. Holman has already made arrangements for the immediate opening of national headquarters in Washington.

Members of the executive committee are Charles S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., president of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative union of America; Gifford Pinchot, of Milford, Pa., president of the Pennsylvania Rural Progress association; W. T. Creasy, of Catwampus, Pa., secretary of the National Dairy union; Charles McCarthy, of Madison, Wis., director of the National Agricultural Organization society; and J. W. Shorthill, of New York, Neb., secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Cooperative associations.

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ROOSEVELT IS NOT ANXIOUS TO SPEND TIME WITH THOMPSON

PITTSBURG, July 26.—The sensation of Roosevelt day here, when he made a stringing patriotic speech before the Loyal Order of Moose, was his declaration that he would not eat breakfast with Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, who had invited him to dine with him, nor would he speak from the same platform with him.

Thompson's pro-German declarations of late and alleged activities caused the ex-president to come out today boldly and declare his stand as to the views of the Mayor of America's greatest central metropolis.

It was a rough day for Mayor Thompson here.

PITTSBURG, July 26.—Prepare for the next national emergency by introducing the principle of obligatory, universal military training for young men in time of peace and universal service in time of war for every man and woman in the country, was the admonition delivered by Theodore Roosevelt in an address here tonight before the Loyal Order of Moose.

As compared to the other great nations of the world, he declared, Americans had in this war exhibited themselves a miracle of inefficiency.

Asserting that the United States government announces that the preparedness now in progress is temporary and will be stopped as soon as the emergency is over, Colonel Roosevelt characterized this as a "criminal refusal to provide for the future."

PAROLED AND PATRIOTIC

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 30.—Forty paroled convicts from the state penitentiary have voluntarily contributed about \$150 to the Red Cross fund.